

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 658

Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton

February 19, 2003

An act to add Section 19613.9 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 658, as introduced, Jerome Horton. Horse racing: racetrack workers welfare.

Existing law for horse racing provides for the deduction of a portion of the parimutuel pool, and provides for the allocation of the purse money and money for commissions from this deduction. Under existing law, no horse owner's license or license to conduct a race meeting may be issued unless the applicant's liability for workers' compensation is secured. Existing law provides that any termination of liability coverage results in the immediate automatic suspension of the license during the period of that termination, and is also a ground for revocation of the license. Existing law provides that, with respect to a harness race meeting, a portion of the money allocated for purses may be used to pay for obtaining, providing, or defraying the cost of workers' compensation coverage for stable employees and drivers of licensed standardbred trainers.

This bill would require every association that conducts a horse racing meeting to distribute an unspecified percentage of the deduction for commissions to a collectively bargained health and welfare trust to cover costs associated with collective healthcare and disability benefits for designated racetrack workers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19613.9 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:
3 19613.9. From the portion deducted for commissions
4 pursuant to this chapter, every association that conducts a horse
5 racing meeting shall distribute ____ percent to a collectively
6 bargained health and welfare trust to cover costs associated with
7 collective healthcare and disability benefits for designated
8 racetrack workers.

